

TO THE DEMOCRATS OF NEW HANOVER.

During the present (Court) week, we have conversed with a number of the Democrats of the County, and they all seem to agree that the Democracy should hold a County meeting during the March Term of the County Court, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State Convention, and also for the purpose of expressing their views freely upon the great topics which now engross the minds of the people of the Union.

THE STATE CONVENTION—WHEN SHALL IT BE HELD?—We are glad to perceive that our brethren in other Counties are moving in this matter. We think that it is very important, indeed, in the first place, that the Convention should be held, and in the second place, that it should be composed of delegates from every county in the State.

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THE PRESENT POSITION OF THE WHIG PARTY.—We do not know that the position which the Whig party in this country now occupies with regard to the foreign relations of the country, has any parallel in the history of that party—certainly it has none since the war of 1812, during Mr. Madison's administration.

What, we would like to ask any Whig who may choose to answer the question, what are the principles which the Whigs, either as a party or as individuals, now hold? What are the great measures which they propose for the consideration of the people of this country? Will any Whig be kind enough to answer this question? Really, and in sober truth, we are entirely at fault as to its answer ourselves.

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MR. BADGER'S SPEECH.—We have read carefully through the two hours' speech of our Senator, Mr. Badger, delivered in the Senate on the 18th inst., in opposition to the re-employment bill now pending before that body.

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LOOK HERE!—We would respectfully call the attention of the people of Eastern North Carolina, who take an interest in the improvement of their section of the State, to the following extract which we make from the report of Mr. Palmer, President of the Charlotte and Columbia Rail Road Company.

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FROM THE N. O. PLEASANT, Jan. 18. LATER FROM VERA CRUZ. The ship Tamaron, Capt. Sinclair, arrived yesterday from Vera Cruz, and on the 8th inst., four days subsequent to our previous dates, the Tamaron arrived in Vera Cruz from this port on the 6th inst., with four companies of the 5th Tennessee Volunteers. The same day the ship Republic arrived from Charleston, with 316 men, under Captain Hill, Lt. Atterley.

By this arrival of the guerrillas, a wagon train has been attacked, and the belief is that a large amount of property has been seized. The particulars of the affair are given in the Vera Cruz American of the 5th inst.

Trains attacked by the Guerrillas.—We have just learned that the last of the train which left yesterday morning for the capital, was attacked by a large guerrilla force at Santa Fe. We glean from the various rumors the following statement:

From some cause, not understood here, a portion of the train was not to leave the camp until the city until this morning; encampment through the heavy sand the train was dragged through the heavy sand the train was dragged through the heavy sand the train was dragged through the heavy sand.

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Another, who left still later, contradicts the death of Lt. Walker, but states clearly and positively that he was ordered by Lt. W. to report to Gen. Twiggs—that the lieutenant had posted the company, or what remained of them, in a ravine, from which they continued to keep up a most destructive fire upon the Mexican lancers.

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Gen'l Scott had issued an order assessing upon the States of Mexico an annual tax amounting to about three millions. There is nothing in it looking like peace.

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